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Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20268-0001

RE: Docket No. RM 2017-12

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of The ALEH Israel Foundation, our donors, and, most importantly, the over 700 children and young adults with severe disabilities that we serve.

We rely on the U.S. Mail to raise funds and communicate with our supporters and constituents.

Without the mail, our fundraising efforts would suffer severely and, as a consequence, SO WOULD OUR MISSION AND THE PEOPLE AND CAUSES WE SERVE.

Why the sudden need to increase nonprofit marketing mail rates for the nominal benefit of commercial marketing mail?

This is the OPPOSITE of the rationale of reasoning for the law granting nonprofits the discounted rate.

As a practical matter, these increases may well mean that we will need to REDUCE OUR MAIL VOLUME.

The inevitable result will be a reduction in our revenues, and a reduction in our ability to serve our beneficiaries.

IT WILL ALSO MEAN THAT THE US POSTAL SERVICE WILL BE PROCESSING LESS MAIL. So you, too, will suffer.

Respectfully, we ask you to consider these consequences.

Please do not change the current system for calculating nonprofit rates. Doing so will only cause harm both to all nonprofit mailers AND you the USPS.

Very Truly Yours,

Perie Leffel
Administrator
ALEH Israel Foundation
www.ALEH.org

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Leffel", is written over the typed name and title of the administrator.

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